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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Linyong Pang

Application No.: 10/785,254 Art Unit.: 2825 Filing Date: 02/23/2004 Examiner: Sun J. Lin

For: "Method And Apparatus Of Wafer Print Simulation Using Hybrid Model With Mask Optical Images"

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: January 30, 2006

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- 1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
- 2. STATUS: Applicant is other than a small entity.
- 3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- 4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1) Claims Remaining After Amendment			(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	LARGE ENTITY		
			Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	
Total	15	Minus	21	= 0	x \$50 =	\$0	
Indep.	6	Minus	6	= 0	x \$200 =	\$0	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$360 =	\$0	
					Total		
					Addit. Fee	\$ <u>0</u>	

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF WAFER PRINT SIMULATION

USING HYBRID MODEL WITH MASK OPTICAL IMAGES

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 10-12, 14-16, and 18-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, 10, 11, 12, and 15 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by US Patent 6577994 (Tsukuda).

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, and 21 are amended herein. Claims 2, 5, 8, 9, 13, and 17 are cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.